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**DEBRA YOUNG, LEAVENWORTH TOWN MARSHAL
AND CRAWFORD COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF
RECEIVES U.S. ATTORNEY'S AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RIGHTS OF VICTIMS**

PRESS RELEASE

In honor of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, today recognized Debra Young, Leavenworth Town Marshal and Crawford County Deputy Sheriff, as a 2009 recipient of the United States Attorney's Carol S. Morris Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims.

This is a special award given annually by the United States Attorney's Office to honor individuals whose commitment and effort impacts the lives of crime victims in the Southern District of Indiana. It reflects the nation's heightened awareness of the devastating impact of crime and violence on its victims, while underscoring the importance of helping victims heal and rebuild their lives.

Debra Young has served as a law enforcement officer for 21 years. Young overcame many obstacles and biases as the only female law enforcement officer in Crawford County. Young is often called upon to deal with issues involving women and children.

Young supports Comfort House, a Child Advocacy Center in Milltown, Indiana. She is an active member of the Crawford County Child Advocacy Team and attempts to attend all of the interviews, even if that means coming in when she is off duty. Young is a skilled interviewer and builds an excellent rapport with children. In her spare time, Young works at Crawford County High School athletic events. She is a positive role model for children of all ages in the community.

The U.S. Attorney's Award was established in the Southern District of Indiana in 1991 to recognize those persons who have made significant contributions in the lives of crime victims. The mission of National Crime Victim's Rights Week is to provide a time of nationwide remembrance, reflection and re-commitment for crime victims, survivors and those who serve them in order to raise individual and public awareness about the rights and needs of victims.

During the past three decades, the United States has made dramatic progress in securing rights, protections, and services for victims of crime. Every state has enacted victims' rights laws; law enforcement agencies give victims greater protection; and more than 10,000 victim assistance programs have been established throughout the country.

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